

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

ONLINE WEBEX MEETING

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

MEETING AGENDA

I.	CALL TO ORDER	Michael Graham, Chair	
II.	ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS		
III.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	CPRB	
IV.	PUBLIC COMMENT		
V.	PRESENTATION OF INVESTIGATIONS	Roger Smith, Administrator OPS Investigative Staff	
VI.	ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS	Or 3 Investigative Stall	
VII.	OPS REPORT	Roger Smith, Administrator	
	A. REVIEW OF CHIEF DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS B. REVIEW OF DIRECTOR DISCIPLINARY DECISION		
VIII.	POLICY UPDATES	Michael Graham, Chair	
IX.	COMMITTEE REPORTS		
X.	UNFINISHED BUSINESS		
XT.	NEW BUSINESS		

A. SUBPOENA REQUEST

XII. ADJOURNMENT



V: PRESENTATION OF INVESTIGATIONS

COUNT	OPS#	COMPLAINANT	INVESTIGATOR	ALLEGATION	CPRB DISPOSITION
1	20-028	Mason	Hammons	Improper Procedure	Sgt. Chapman #9232
				Vehicle Pursuit: Initiation Vehicle Pursuit: Failure to Yield	Improper Procedure Recommendation: Motion: Second:
				Vehicle Pursuit: Excessive Speed Emergency Response Driving	Vehicle Pursuit: Excess Speed Recommendation: Motion: Second:
				Vehicle Pursuit: AVL	
				Self-Dispatch Violation Vehicle Pursuit: Multiple Vehicles	Vehicle Pursuit: AVL Recommendation: Motion: Second:
				Failure to Terminate Pursuit Violation Failure to Monitor AVL System	Emergency Response Driving Recommendation: Motion: Second:
					Vehicle Pursuit: Multiple Cars Recommendation: Motion: Second:



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	1	20-028	Mason	Hammons	Improper Procedure	P.O. Stipkovich #40
					Vehicle Pursuit: Initiation Vehicle Pursuit: Failure to Yield	Vehicle Pursuit: Initiation Recommendation: Motion: Second:
					Vehicle Pursuit: Excessive Speed Emergency Response Driving	Vehicle Pursuit: Fail to Yield Recommendation: Motion: Second:
					Vehicle Pursuit: AVL Self-Dispatch Violation	Vehicle Pursuit: Excess Speed Recommendation: Motion: Second:
8					Vehicle Pursuit: Multiple Vehicles Failure to Terminate Pursuit Violation	Emergency Response Driving Recommendation: Motion: Second:
					Failure to Monitor AVL System	P.O. Singh #1381
						Vehicle Pursuit: Initiation Recommendation: Motion: Second:
						Vehicle Pursuit: Excess Speed Recommendation: Motion: Second:
						Emergency Response Driving Recommendation: Motion: Second:



1	20-028	Mason	Hammons	Improper Procedure	P.O. Miller #1583
				Vehicle Pursuit: Initiation Vehicle Pursuit: Failure to Yield	Self-Dispatch Violation Recommendation: Motion: Second:
				Vehicle Pursuit: Excessive Speed Emergency Response Driving	Emergency Response Driving Recommendation: Motion: Second:
				Vehicle Pursuit: AVL	P.O. Sabolik #1021
				Self-Dispatch Violation	Self-Dispatch Violation Recommendation: Motion:
				Vehicle Pursuit: Multiple Vehicles	Second:
-				Failure to Terminate Pursuit Violation	Det. Warnock #1719
				Failure to Monitor AVL System	Self-Dispatch Violation Recommendation: Motion: Second:
					Det. Crivel #1767
					Self-Dispatch Violation Recommendation: Motion: Second:
					P.O. Dunn #1583
					Self-Dispatch Violation Recommendation: Motion: Second:



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1	20-028	Mason	Hammons	Improper Procedure	P.O. Staskevich #942
				Vehicle Pursuit: Initiation	Self-Dispatch Violation Recommendation: Motion:
				Vehicle Pursuit: Failure to Yield	Second:
				Vehicle Pursuit: Excessive Speed	Lt. Farmer #8487 Vehicle Pursuit: Excess Speed
				Emergency Response Driving	Recommendation: Motion: Second:
				Vehicle Pursuit: AVL	
				Self-Dispatch Violation	Emergency Response Driving Recommendation: Motion: Second:
				Vehicle Pursuit: Multiple Vehicles	
-				Failure to Terminate Pursuit Violation	
				Failure to Monitor AVL System	
2	20-035	Sampson	Bowker	Improper Citation	P.O. Crawford #439
				Unprofessional Conduct	Improper Citation Recommendation: Motion: Second:
					Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: Motion: Second:



3	20-109	Johnson	Williams-Bennett	Lack of Service	P.O. Lehman #815 Lack of Service Recommendation: Motion: Second: P.O. Wagner #1260 Lack of Service Recommendation: Motion: Second: Second: Second: Second: Second: Second: Second: Second: Motion: Second: Second: Second: Second: Second:
4	20-133	Cheng	Williams-Bennett	Unprofessional Conduct – No Face Mask Unprofessional Conduct – Statements	P.O. Fronckwiak #401 Unprofessional – Face Mask Recommendation: Motion: Second: Unprofessional – Statements Recommendation: Motion: Second:



5	20-180	Gibson / Warner / Akers	Delaney	Improper Search Damaged Property Lack of Service	Det. Smith #882 Improper Search Recommendation: Motion: Second: Damaged Property Recommendation: Motion: Second: Det. Johnson #802 Lack of Service Recommendation: Motion: Second: P.O. Soros #1852 Lack of Service Recommendation: Motion: Second:
6	20-266	Anonymous	Wynne	Social Media Policy Violation	Dispatcher Walker #30 Social Media Policy Violation Recommendation: Motion: Second:
7	21-008	Hugo	Merritt	Lack of Service	Det. Fischbach #450 Lack of Service Recommendation: Motion: Second:



VII (A). REVIEW OF CHIEF'S DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS

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COUNT	OPS#	COMPLAINANT	INVESTIGATOR	RECOMMENDATION	CHIEF DECISION
1	20-016	Gubanich	Williams-Bennett	Improper Tow – P.O. Holcomb #877 – the CPRB recommended a Group I discipline level for P.O. Holcomb's failure to observe the contradictory temporary parking signage, resulting in the Complainant's vehicle being towed after P.O. Holcomb issued the citation.	Chief Williams dismissed the allegation of Improper Tow against P.O. Holcomb, citing that P.O. Holcomb was obeying the parking ban in the area when he ticketed the vehicle, and that the single sign noted by the Complainant was for a past date and was contradicted by several signs banning parking in the area.
2	20-111	Farmer	Delaney	Lack of Service – P.O. Sheets #1276 and P.O. Fitchwell #134 – the CPRB recommended a Group I discipline level for the officers' failure to cite the person who struck the Complainant with citations for leaving the scene of an accident and OVI.	Chief Williams dismissed the allegation of Lack of Service against P.O. Sheets and P.O. Fitchwell, citing that because over 2 hours had passed from the time of the accident to the time the Cleveland Division of Police was notified, and the officers were made aware of this time lapse, the officers lacked probable cause to cite the other party for OVI. Chief Williams further stated that OPS presented no evidence regarding P.O. Sheets and P.O. Fitchwell's failure to cite for leaving the scene of an accident.

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3	20-162	Childress	Delaney	Lack of Service – P.O. Crane #2108 and P.O. Orozco #1601 – the CPRB recommended a Group II discipline level for P.O. Crane and P.O. Orozco's failure to investigate the Complainant's concern that an illegal party was happening on the vacant lot across from his house.	Chief Williams dismissed the allegation of Lack of Service against P.O. Crane and P.O. Orozco citing that the officers left for a higher priority assignment, and when they returned they observed the party to be contained to the property, with children and parents in attendance, to be within the law.
				Unprofessional Conduct – P.O. Orozco #1601 – the CPRB recommended a Group I discipline level for P.O. Orozco's display of discourteous behavior by telling the Complainant that he was "nothing special" in front of everyone and ended his interaction with the Complainant by flipping his hand in the air and walking away.	Chief Williams concurred with the CPRB recommendation for the allegation of Unprofessional Conduct and issued P.O. Orozco a one-day suspension.



4	20-168	Brown	Hammons	Lack of Service – P.O. Kelley #1242 – the CPRB recommended a Group II discipline level for P.O. Kelley's failure to generate a theft report for the Complainant, making the determination that no crime had been committed.	Chief Williams departed from the CPRB recommendation for Lack of Service and amended it to a Group I violation and issued P.O. Kelley a letter of reinstruction.
				WCS Violation – P.O. Kelley #1242 – the CPRB recommended a Group I discipline level for P.O. Kelley's failure to activate her encounter with the Complainant in the lobby.	Chief Williams concurred with the CPRB recommendation for WCS Violation and issued P.O. Kelley a one-day suspension.



VII (B). REVIEW OF DIRECTOR'S DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS

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COUNT	OPS#	COMPLAINANT	INVESTIGATOR	RECOMMENDATION	DIRECTOR DECISION
1	19-142	Workman	Richardson	Excessive Force – Captain Dziuba #6572 - The CPRB recommended a Group III level discipline level for Capt. Dziuba's physical altercation with the Complainant that was unnecessary and in violation of training.	Safety Director Howard dismissed the allegation of Excessive Force, citing that the record does not support a finding of guilt.
				Improper Citation – Captain Dziuba #6572 – The CPRB recommended a Group II discipline level for Capt. Dziuba's order to subordinate officers to issue citations to the Complainants.	Safety Director Howard dismissed the allegation of Improper Citation, citing that all officers involved acted in a reasonable manner based on the totality of the circumstances.
				Improper Arrest –Captain Dziuba #6572 – The CPRB recommended a Group II discipline level for Capt. Dziuba's order to subordinate officers to arrest the Complainants' without having probable cause.	Safety Director Howard dismissed the allegation of Improper Arrest, citing that all officers involved acted in a reasonable manner based on the totality of the circumstances.
				Missing Property – Captain Dziuba #6572 – The CPRB recommended a Group I discipline level for Capt. Dziuba's failure to properly secure the Complainant's cell phone after taking it from him.	Safety Director Howard concurred with the CPRB recommendation for the allegations of Missing Property and WCS Violation, and issued Captain Dziuba a two-day suspension.
				WCS Violation – Captain Dziuba #6572 – the CPRB recommended a Group I discipline level for Capt. Dziuba's failure to activate his WCS and his instruction to subordinate officers not to turn on their WCS.	



2	20-015	Holbrook	Wynne	Improper Tow – P.O. Estremera #357 – The CPRB recommended a Group I discipline level for his failure to release the Complainant's vehicle when she arrived on scene before her vehicle was towed. WCS Violation – P.O. Estremera #357 – the CPRB recommended a Group I discipline	Director Howard reversed the Chief's dismissal for the allegation of Improper Tow, and upheld the Chief's discipline for the allegation of WCS Violation. P.O. Estremera was issued a two-day suspension .
				level for his failure to have his WCS	
				activated for his	
				encounter with the Complainant.	